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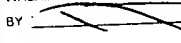
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Julia Y. Ljubimova, Alexander V. Ljubimov, and Keith L. Black  
Serial No. 09/741,550  
Filed: December 19, 2000  
For: USING OVEREXPRESSION OF LAMININ ALPHA 4 SUBUNIT AS A DIAGNOSTIC AND PROGNOSTIC INDICATOR OF MALIGNANT TUMORS  
Examiner: Unassigned  
Unit: --

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Applicants' attorney submits herewith the full text of the prior art (PTO Form 1449 attached) of which he is aware, that he believes may be material to the examination of this application and in respect of which there may be a duty to disclose in accordance with 37 CFR 1.56.

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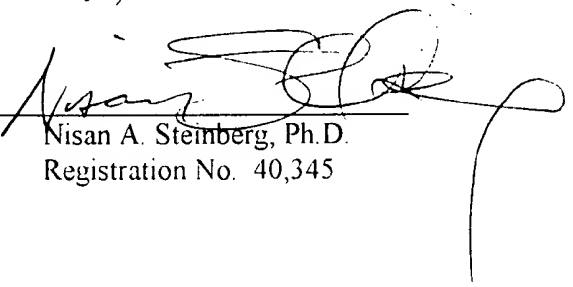
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It is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted before the mailing of a first office action on the merits. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees required to Deposit Account No. 501597.

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